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TITLE:

METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR A VARIABLE RESISTOR CONFIGURED TO COMPENSATE FOR NON-LINEARITIES IN A HEATING ELEMENT CIRCUIT

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- [X] Field of Invention
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- [X] Brief Description of the Drawings
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- [X] Drawings: 8 Sheets (Figs 1-9b) (informal)
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#### **Cross-Reference To Related Application**

This application claims priority to United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/407,392 filed August 30, 2002 and entitled "Method and Apparatus for a Variable Resistor Configured to Compensate for Non-Linearities in a Heating Element Circuit," and is incorporated herein by reference.

# [ ] Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is claimed.

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